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SUBJ: NKOMO VISITS THE NETHERLANDS

- 1. RHODESIAN GUERRILLA LEADER JOSHUA NKOMO VISITED THE NETHERLANDS APRIL 19-20 EN ROUTE FROM GENEVA TO LONDON. HE TALKED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER KLAAUW, DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MINISTER DE KONING AND THE SECOND CHAMBER COMMITTEES ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION.
- 2. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES SUPPLIED NEARLY ALL THE WEAPONS USED BY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS, HE SAID THAT MUGABE HAD A RIGHT TO HIS VIEWS ON THE FUTURE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE, BUT THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN SYSTEM AFTER INDEPENDENCE. QUESTIONED ON CUBAN SUPPORT, NKOMO ASSERTED THAT CUBA WAS NOT AN AGGRESSOR AND HAD ASSISTED UNCLASSIFIED

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ANGOLA AND ETHIOPIA ONLY IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FROM THE GOVERNMENTS. HE DID NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT CUBANS WOULD ENTER FIGHT FOR RHODESIAN INDEPENDENCE.

3. NKOMO SAID THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAD SUGGESTED A UN PEACEKEEPIN G

FORCE DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, BASED ON THE "THREE MEN

IN A JEEP" PROPOSAL--GUERILLAS. UN SOLDIERS AND SMITH GOVERNMENT POLICE.

4. NKOMO INDICATED THAT GON WAS PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE TO CONTINUE ITS HUMANIATARIAN AID TO THE INCREASING NUMBER OF REFUGEES FROM ZIMBABWE. BROWN

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